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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the species election requirement mailed September 20, 2005. The Examiner identified three allegedly distinct species. The species included the following:

- a. Group I, a first embodiment, shown in Figs. 1-4;
- b. Group II, a second embodiment, shown in Fig. 5;
- c. Group III, a third embodiment, shown in Fig. 6.

Applicant respectfully points out that Figure 6 is actually a further view of the first embodiment taken along line 6-6 of Figure 3. Accordingly, it appears that Figure 6 should be considered part of the species of Group I.